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In the Matter of)

PETITION OF EASTON TELECOM)
SERVICES, INC. FOR EXPEDITED)
RELIEF TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL)
INFORMATION PURSUANT TO)
SECTION 7 OF THE ILLINOIS)
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION)
ACT, 5 ILCS 140/7(g))

DOCKET NO. 01-0287

CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

**PETITION FOR EXPEDITED RELIEF
TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY
TREATMENT OF ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION**

(1) Easton Telecom Services, Inc. ("Easton") hereby moves the Commission for confidential treatment of proprietary information contained in its Annual Report, due to be filed with the Commission by April 2, 2001. Easton requests that this information be deemed proprietary until January 2006. Easton deems this information to be competitively sensitive and believes that disclosure of the information could adversely affect its competitive operations. As such, Easton does not reveal this type of information in any public forum.

(2) Easton files this motion pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(g). Section 7(g) exempts from inspection and copying "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential, or where disclosure of the trade secrets or information may cause competitive harm." As set forth in paragraph (1), Easton's Annual Report contains confidential commercial and financial information, the disclosure of which would cause competitive harm to Easton.

(3) Easton respectfully requests that the Commission grant approval of this request without a hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

EASTON TELECOM SERVICES, INC.

DATED: March 22, 2001


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VERIFICATION

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX) SS:

I, Victoria A. Schlesinger, being first duly sworn, depose and state that I am Assistant Secretary for Easton Telecom Services, Inc., that I have read the "Petition for Expedited Relief to Protect Confidential and Proprietary Treatment of Annual Report Information" being submitted to the Commission by Easton Telecom Services, Inc., and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Victoria A. Schlesinger

SWORN TO and subscribed before me
this 22 day of March, 2001.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires December 31, 2004